of heavy industry. Therefore I would like to know from minister whether you would give the details of industries whose cost as higher than Rs. 5 crores? If the details are not readily available, would you send then later on?

Mr. Speaker, Sir, my other supplementary is the one which I had asked in part (d) of my question -

[English]

> "the average number of persons employed in the said industries during the last three years..."

But he has replied that these units currently employ around 54 lakh persons.

[Translation]

I wanted to know about the employment provided in those industries during the last three years, the reply is that till date 54 lakh persons. This is not the answer of my question. I wanted toknow how many persons could get employment during the last three years, when economic reforms are much talked about, you did not reply and told the figure of 54 lakhs. So please would you tell me the number of persons given employment during last three years?

[English]

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Sir, we have wrongly understood the question. There is no concept of large scale industries. The classification in our Ministry is SSI units and non-SSI units. If the investment is Rs. 60 lakh or below, it is considered as a Small Scale Industry and above that limit, it is considered as a non-SSI unit. So, what we have done is, we have extrapolated these figures and arrived at these figures. If the hon. Member wants those figurs, I will be delighted to send her.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : Sir, I wanted the employment figures for the last three years. He said that it is 54 lakhs.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Sir, I do not have the figures now. I will send it to the hon. Member.

MR. SPEAKER : He will send it to you.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ : That was my original question. So please direct him to give the reply as if the original question is being asked. I had specifically asked for it. How many persons were employed. He says 54 lakhs of people are employed. But this is no way to reply. Pleae give the instruction that if it has been asked to give details of three years in original question then he should give the total figures. How can you avoid giving reply or information. You can give this direction even after question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[Translation]

Investment Promotion and Infrastructure Development Cell

*427. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cell namely 'Investment Promotion and Infrastructure Development Cell' has been set up in his ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its objects;

(c) the time by which the said cell is likely to start functioning; and

(d) the likely increase in the trade as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Industry has created an Investment Promotion and Infrastructure Development Cell in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion vide office order dated 15-11-96. The main objectives of creation of this Cell are (i) to give further impetus to investment facilitation, (ii) to monitor investment approvals and (iii) to coordinate matters relating to infrastructure requirements for industry. The Cell has already started functioning from the date of its creation and is being strengthened.

(d) The objective of creation of this Cell is to boost up foreign investment with a special focus on infrastructure, which in turn would inter-alia contribute to increase in trade. It is not however possible to quantify this increase as it has become operational only recently.

Assistance from ADB

*428. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total financial assistance provided to India by the "Asia Development Bank", till date;

(b) the details of the areas for which this assistance has been given, sector-wise;

(c) whether the said bank has threatened that it will not provide more financial assistance to India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The total loan amount approved for India by the Asian Development Bank